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2. All Soviet ships coming from Murmansk or Arkangelsk go through the Kara Sea, from which two routes lead to Vilkitskiy Strait. The northern route leads past Sverdrup and Russkiy Islands and the southern route past Dikson, W. Kamenny, Bardroper, Skott-Gansena, Krakova, Belukha, Taymyr, Tyrtov, Biyanki, Firileya Islands, and from there between Geyberga and Gansena Island to Cape Chelyuskin. Taymyr Peninsula is rounded on various southeasterly courses.

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The NEVA went through Sannikov Strait on the two voyages and then made for Bear Islands, Ayon, and Cape Shelagyskiy. From Cape Shelagyskiy she steered along the Siberian coast into Bering Strait.

3. The southern route allegedly is more difficult to navigate than the northern route, while on the other hand the ice conditions on this route are, by far, more favorable. NEVA went as far as Vilkitskiy Strait without encountering ice fields, but she frequently met ice floes. Vilkitskiy Strait and the Laptev Sea were the most difficult stretches; the same applied to the stretch between Sannikov Strait and the Bear Islands.

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4. NEVA was built to accommodate 78 engineer candidates and was used in the merchant trade.

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